(d) the reasons for not appointing at least five advocates of the banks at each sub-divisional courts in Rohtak District by these banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Banks allocate work to different advocataes depending on the types of cases, the specific expertise of the advocates as also their experience of the handling of cases by advocates, not only in terms of competence as evidence by results achieved but also in terms of priority given and time and energy devoted by the advocates to the banks' work. Banks cannot be expected to allocate their legal work among different empanelled lawyers ignoring these considerations.

(b) Procedure of empanelment of advocates varies from bank to bank. Generally banks empanel advocates on the basis of specified criteria laid down by their managements which include professional experience particularly in areas relating to litigation in banks, standing in the court, past experience if any with the advocates, etc.

(c) and (d) The number of advocates in the panel for particular area is determined by banks keeping in view the quantum of work and also availability of the advocates as per banks' requirements.

Excessive Fees paid by Central Bank of India to its Advocates

4007. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Bank of India in Delhi is paying very excessive fees to some panel advocates in comparison to fees prescribed by High Court Rules;

(b) the names of such advocates to whom the excessive fees is being paid and reasons thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not giving standard professional fees to all the panel advocates in the Central Bank, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Central Bank of India has reported that fees payable by it to the empanelled advocates in Delhi are settled with the advocates separately by the management of the Bank. The quantum of fees is related to various factors such as value of the suit, complexity of cases, experience and expertise of the advocates and also the time and effort demanded by the bank from the advocates. The names of the advocates at present on the panel maintained by the Bank at Delhi are indicated below:—

1. Shri S. D. Sharma
2. Satish Aggarwala
3. Shri Suresh Kumar Arora
4. Smt. Sudesh Yadav
5. M|s. Khaitan and Co.
6. M/s. J. B Dadachanji & Co.
7. Shri B. N. Kak
8. Shri K. G. Bhagat
9. Shri Ram Parkash Gupta
10. Shri Raj Pal Sagar

Excessive Fees paid by Syndicate Bank to Advocates

4008. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Syndicate Bank in Delhi is paying very excessive fees to some Panel advocates in comparison to fees prescribed by High Court Rules;

(b) the names of advocates to whom the excessive fees is being paid and reasons therefor; and

(c) the reason for not giving standard professional fees to all the panel advocates in the Syndicate Bank, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Syndicate Bank has reported that fees payable by it to the empanelled advocates in Delhi for cases in the High Court/Supreme Court are settled with the advocates